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## GIRLS AND BOYS COURTS.

THE Quarterly Courts of the Educational Institutions have been held this week, that in connection with the Girls School on Thursday, and that of the Boys School yesterday (Friday). The former was held under the presidency of Bro. J. H. Matthews P.D.G.D.C. President of the Board of Benevolence, little business requiring attention beyond the settlement of the list of candidates for the April election. Twenty vacancies were declared for that contest, and a list of twenty-nine candidates adopted.

On the following day, Bro. Richard Eve P.G.Treas. presided over the Court of the Boys School, when it was announced the purchase of the Bushey Grove Park estate had been completed. The list of candidates for the April election was approved of, the total number of applicants being sixty, for whom twenty-one vacancies were declared.

## THE GRAND MASTER IN STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by the Duke and Duchess of Sutherland and other distinguished personages, paid a visit to Longton on Thursday, when the Grand Master officiated at the laying of the foundation stone of the new Sutherland Institute—which is to serve as a technical School and free Library—the event of the day being carried out with full Masonic ceremonial. In spite of very unfavourable weather there was a large concourse of people to welcome the royal visitors, who were most heartily received.

At the Pavilion which covered the site of the new Institute a Guard of Honour was formed by the 1st Volunteer Battalion of the Staffordshire Regiment, whilst the local firemen and mounted police kept the way. The Grand Master was received by the Mayor of Longton, and was accompanied by several Officers of Grand Lodge, including Bro. Henry Sadler Grand Tyler, Bro. Frank Richardson, Bro. Thomas Fenn, three Masters of Lodges, bearing the cornucopia and ewers with wine and oil; the Grand Secretary Bro. Edward Letchworth, carrying a plate with the inscription for the foundation stone; the President of the Board of General Purposes, with the mallet; the Grand Registrar, bearing the Great Seal; the Grand Treasurer, with a phial containing coins; the Grand Chaplain (the Archdeacon of Essex); the Acting Junior Grand Warden (Bro. Tomlinson, M.P.), bearing the plumb rule; the Acting Senior Grand Warden (Colonel Lockwood, M.P.), with the level; together with the Deputy Grand Master, with the square; and the Grand Sword Bearer.

On the arrival of the Grand Master, Lord Dartmouth (the Provincial Grand Master and Lord Lieutenant of the County) presented His Royal Highness with a beautifully illuminated address from his Masonic Brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire. The arms of the Prince of Wales, with supporters and crests, occupied the central position at the head of the address, while the arms of the Province of Staffordshire were enclosed within circles on either side. In this document the Grand Master was offered a warm and fraternal welcome on this the first occasion of his paying the Province a ceremonial visit, in which gracious act the Province recognised his readiness to assist in all good works, which had ever been his distinguishing characteristic.

The Prince of Wales bowed his acknowledgments, and passed on into the pavilion, where a gathering of several thousands received him, standing, and with a ringing cheer. The Princess of Wales, who had preceded his Royal Highness by a minute or two, says the "Standard," wore a long cloak of black velvet, with fur boa, and a mauve toque with white aigrette, whilst she carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley and purple orchids. The scene which confronted the Royal party when the Grand Master ascended the steps of his chair near the stone, in

order to open the ceremonial, was both striking and picturesque. The Duke of Sutherland having handed the Mayor a deed of conveyance of the site as a free gift, he acknowledged the same, and then, turning to the Prince of Wales, tendered a loyal welcome to the Borough of Longton.

The Prince replied, in a clear voice:—"Mr. Mayor—I have great pleasure in acceding to your request to lay the foundation stone of the Sutherland Institute." His Royal Highness then proceeded to go through the ritual which is customary in connection with Masonic functions of this description. "We have among us," said the Prince, "concealed from the eyes of men, secrets which may not be revealed, and which no man has discovered. These secrets are lawful and honourable, and not repugnant to the laws of God or man." "We are assembled here to-day," his Royal Highness continued, "to erect this building to the honour and glory of the Most High." He then gave out the concluding words of the time-honoured address, in which all were called to unite with the Grand Chaplain in a supplication to the Throne of Grace. The Grand Chaplain offered a prayer, the vessels of corn, wine, and oil were deposited upon a pedestal placed for their reception, and the Prince exclaimed, "I now declare it to be my will and pleasure that the corner-stone of this Institute be laid." The upper stone having been raised, a phial containing coins was deposited in a recess of the lower stone, and a workman then proceeded to apply the cement.

The operation had now reached the stage when the Grand Master has to handle the trowel, and this was handed to him by the Mayor. It was a very elegant implement, adorned with emblems of the industries of Longton, and embellished with the Prince's plume of feathers and coronet. His Royal Highness having spread the cement in a very workmanlike manner, the stone was slowly lowered to its place amid loud cheering. The Grand Master, according to custom, then proved the just position and form of the stone by the plumb rule, level, and square. Being satisfied in these particulars, His Royal Highness gave the stone three knocks with an ivory mallet, after which, receiving a cornucopia and a couple of ewers, he strewed corn and poured wine and oil over the stone with the accustomed ceremonies, the corn being an emblem of Plenty, wine signifying Gladness, and oil Peace.

The architect (Mr. J. W. Wardle) was then presented to His Royal Highness, and delivered a plan of the intended building. The Grand Master having inspected the plan, returned it to the architect, together with the tools used in proving the position of the stone, and desired him to proceed to the completion of the work in conformity with the plan. This concluded the Masonic ceremony, which, it may be added, is only the fourth that the Prince has performed since he accepted the position of Grand Master of England, the other occasions having been at Truro, Wanstead and Oxford. Purves containing contributions were presented to the Princess of Wales, after which the Grand Chaplain pronounced a blessing, and the Grand Master was conducted to his room.

The statistics of Freemasonry in the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight for 1896 will, the "Bournemouth Observer" states, be eminently satisfactory, and testify to the continued growth of the Craft in the district which has as its chief Bro. W. W. Bramston Beach, M.P., one of the best known Freemasons in the country.

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A combined meeting of members of Exeter Lodges was held on the 5th inst., Bro. T. C. Milton W.M. 39 in the chair, when it was resolved to send in a petition for a new Lodge for the city, to be called the Northcote Lodge. Sir Stafford Northcote, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master has signified his assent to become the first Master.

### MASONIC MATERIAL.

A lecture delivered by V.W. Bro. J. B. Trivett, Grand Inspector Workings, at the New South Wales Masonic Club, Sydney, 28th August.

(Continued from page 2).

I HAVE no desire to unduly reproach our N.S.W. Brethren with a want of caution, or with indiscretion, but I think they will agree with me that many who are now able to claim Masonic privileges in this colony would never have been endowed with such if the proper enquiries had been made, and due weight given to their original proposals. I shall conclude the consideration of this aspect of the question of propositions by observing that all the United States Grand Lodges, some fifty-six in number, and having jurisdiction over three-quarters of a million Masons, have adopted the strict regulation that no man can be made a Mason unless he has resided in the State over which the Grand Lodge has Masonic control, during a period ranging up to twelve months. And if the experience gained during a term extending over some 160 years (as in the case of Pennsylvania) has resulted in this rule being adopted and enforced, is it not wisdom for the young Grand Lodge of New South Wales, with less than 8,000 Masons, to pause before it ignores the example thus afforded? As an example of the strict requirements insisted upon in the United States Grand Lodges, I now quote Article 109 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, in which jurisdiction there are 734 private Lodges, with 88,000 members. The article enacts that no proposition shall be received unless the petitioner shall have answered the following questions:—What is your full name? What is your age? Where were you born? Where do you reside? What is your occupation? Have you resided in the State of New York the twelve months last past? Have you ever, to your knowledge or belief, presented a petition to any Masonic Lodge? If so, when, and in what Lodge? Have you ever, to your knowledge or belief, been rejected in any Masonic Lodge? If so, when, and in what Lodge? Do you believe in the existence of one ever living and true God? Do you know of any physical, legal, or moral reason which should prevent you from becoming a Freemason? Personally, I should prefer the conservative condition precedent of residence; but without bringing into force so extreme a regulation with respect to persons trading locally in the colonies, the demands of caution might be met by a rule requiring, at any rate, a certain period of acquaintanceship by the proposer, or that testimony as to character, based on a sufficient period of observation shall have been obtained and submitted to the Lodge. It should be remembered when considering a candidate's application for membership, that if he be once admitted he is ever afterwards a Mason, and, as such, is entitled to all the rights and privileges of Freemasonry. As regards the Craft, he has the right, subject to one proviso of personal acceptableness, and to another of financial fitness, to visit all other Lodges, to participate in their Masonic functions, and to expect their consideration under circumstances which need not be detailed in this paper. As regards the outside world, we would always earnestly wish him to be one to whom the burthened heart might pour forth its sorrows, a reliever of distress, and who, in his actions, would testify to the beneficence and probity of Masons generally. He should be respectable in the grandest sense of the word. In deciding as to a candidate's fitness, we should put to ourselves the question: "Is he a desirable person to be admitted to the friendship of our wives, our sisters, our daughters, in the family circle?" If the answer be at all doubtful, our duty is apparent, and should be sternly performed. If any proof were required as to past remissness in our decisions regarding candidates it could be readily furnished on perusing the Grand Secretary's periodical lists of exclusions for non-payment of dues. Clause 113, B.C., requires that every candidate must be in reputable circumstances at the time of his initiation; and we often find that within a very short period after admission our new members have lapsed into a state of indebtedness to the Lodge, necessitating the unpleasant application of the provisions of our bye-laws. Hence we should carefully ascertain the general circumstances of those we would propose, and learn whether they are likely to be able to support their share of the Masonic burden. In this connection, I have heard it stated that it was useless to be too squeamish in respect of the candidate's financial status, because other Lodges will not be so nice in their sentiments in that particular. In reply I would observe that the probability of neglect of duty by others is no excuse for similar error on our part. I submit these few observations, not in a spirit of carping, but of warning. Happily a vast majority of the members exhibit the most earnest desire to sustain the dignity and moral tone of the Craft, and are zealous in their action to

observe the utmost discretion; but a few Lodges, or a small proportion of members in a body of men, can cause a grievous and disastrous depreciation in the character of the Institution generally; and it is highly desirable that we should be on the alert against any possible tendency towards retrogression. I appeal to the Masters and members of the old, wealthy, and influential Lodges, to aid in the important duty of discountenancing the reception of doubtful and crude material into our Institution. By their careful selection of new members they can maintain their reputation for honourable and dignified Masonic working; and, at the same time, instil into younger Lodges the caution of not being greedy in the acceptance of whatever candidates may offer, no matter whence they come.

A Lodge's prosperity or success is not to be measured by the number of Degrees it has conferred. Having so effectually tyed the portals of Masonry that suitable material alone can obtain admission, our duty as to the future disposition of the neophyte is readily discernible; and, if faithfully observed, can only result in a gradual evolution of the initiate to the status of a Master Mason, possessing the privileges and responsibility of full membership of our old and honourable Institution. His progress through the Degrees should not be unduly hastened. If he shows signs of having but imperfectly realised the duties and beauties of the First Degree, the Lodge should patiently await till he has shown the necessary proficiency. It has been my lot, as Inspector of Workings, to witness, on several occasions, farcical results in the attempts of a candidate to give rational replies to the questioning by the Worshipful Master; and when the usual enquiry has been made as to the proficiency exhibited by the candidate, he has been readily accepted as a competent exponent of the principles of the previous Degree. This should not be; a Worshipful Master, attentive to his obligations, should be prepared to postpone the passing or raising of a candidate indefinitely unless he can prove an adequate appreciation of his position as a seeker after knowledge. Anything that is easily evaded is apt to be lightly regarded, and it would tend more to a right conception of principles if the path leading to the attainment of a knowledge of Masonic truths were rendered approachable only after a successful test of merit. It would be wise to exercise due regard to the compliment of this course of action. Just as we should observe strict rule to ensure proficiency in the Degree on the part of the newly fledged Mason, so it is also true that the latest product of our art, who is proficient in his acquired knowledge, should not be permitted to airily and prematurely assume the functions of a teacher; and, in an attitude of ludicrous assurance, lay down lines and define plans to one who is but a little more youthful than himself as a Mason.

The young Mason, having studied the principles of moral truth and virtue, having drunk more or less deeply at the fountains of speculative science, and having learnt the lesson that worth in death can only be attained by the avenue of a beautiful life, has now arrived at the end of his apprenticeship, and has developed into the correctly trained M.M., when, if his ambition has been stirred into activity, he will cast longing eyes to one or other of the positions necessary in the working of the Lodge. It is essential, as a first principle, that modesty and obedience should be exemplified in an aspirant for the honours of official position, modesty in aiming at a moderate honour as a preliminary to higher honours, and obedience to the expression of opinion of the Lodge members as to his claims for preferment. A Brother should not scorn to occupy a Steward's post any more than he would delight in the dignified and responsible position of Worshipful Master. In each position certain requirements are demanded, and must be satisfactorily supplied to ensure the proper working of the Lodge; and if a brother has been faithful and competent in the performance of his duty in the subordinate office, he may safely be entrusted with the onerous duties of more exalted positions. Hence it is a good token of future possibilities in an aspirant for office, when he contentedly accepts a minor post and patiently awaits preferment. He who would rule must first learn to obey. Having acceded to office, let him carefully ascertain what are its duties, either explicitly laid down in the ritual, demanded by usage, or by manifest necessities of the office.

(To be continued).

Certainly, says an American contemporary, the most novel lodge-room ever occupied by any fraternal order will be the one where the Masonic Grand Lodge of Arizona meets one year hence, in the great cave at Bisbee, the most beautiful cavern ever discovered, and one which the wealth of Croesus and Mark Hanna's entire millionaire finance committee could not duplicate in splendour, architectural beauty, or acoustics. It is situated several hundred feet below the surface, in the Copper Queen Mine, the greatest copper mine in Arizona.

## APPRECIATED MASONRY.

MASONRY in its essential teaching has always been the same. Whatever of change may have been wrought from time to time in ceremony and organisation, the fundamental principles upon which the great fabric rests remain unaltered. There are two doctrines, oft repeated, and so often, too, as to almost lose their proper influence upon the mind, which are the basis of all landmarks, and the foundation of all lessons. Indeed, if there are any landmarks aside from these two grand principles we are at a loss to know what they are. These principles are the Universal Fatherhood of God, and the Universal Brotherhood of Man. These two truths, great pillars of Truth, support the whole Temple of Masonry. They stand at the doorway and between them must every votary pass. Through them we may look into the grand council chamber, and behold arranged along the grand corridor the grand figures of Truth that scintillate from the divine source of all light—Brotherly love, relief, fortitude, prudence, temperance, justice, purity of life, uprightness of conduct, forbearance and every virtue that adorns the heart and ennobles the life of man.

Much has been written from the time when Masonry first took an organised form, about the landmarks of the Institution. The only landmark that deserves the name is the practice of the virtues embodied in the two fundamental principles of the fraternity—one God, and one family of Man.

A great deal is continually said about the selfishness of Masons, and the fact that men join the fraternity "to feather their own nests," and to promote their own selfish ends. Such men are decried and are unmercifully condemned. They ought to be, for a mercenary Mason fails to appreciate the true position he occupies in the Society, and does not understand the lessons he has been taught. But while there are too many of them in the fraternity, yet they are not so numerous as the world would be led to suppose, by the undue importance given to them. One black sheep in a flock is just one too many, but the one black sheep should not receive more attention than the whole flock beside. His blackness is sufficient warning to all with whom he may associate. Why not praise the hundreds who really appreciate the doctrines of Masonry, and by showing the beauties of their appreciation, command admiration and respect? Why not point out the good traits of the great majority of the membership, rather than parade the shortcomings of a few. The whole race of man would be vastly better in every way if "the good that men do" was made the theme of discourse and conversation, and the evil were consigned to unbreakable silence. If the murder and robbery committed by the few fallen men and women were hidden behind the veil of the pure and noble actions, which, if given the same prominence would over-shadow the bad, there would be less murder and robbery. And so, if the good men, who really make up the Society of Freemasons, were more continually held up to view, we would all be influenced by the beauty of their lives.

Men join Masonry because they have a good opinion of its teaching and the men who compose its membership. The mercenary Mason will soon find his place among those who have tired of good works and are outside, so that we may let the black sheep alone—he will find his proper place.

But there is a certain benefit that a man has a right to expect in the fraternity and from his Brethren. It may be called selfishness, mercenary or for self-aggrandisement, but it is none of these. We have a right to expect from those within the Lodge a certain reciprocity, which should be borne of the confidence begotten by the sacred family ties that bind the members together. Why should you not expect good service, better service if anything, from a Brother who is a physician? Why will not a lawyer who is connected with you by the ties of Masonic kinship be as faithful, aye, a little more so, to your interests, as one who never had the same claim upon your friendship? And if you expect such treatment, why has he not the right to expect a return of confidence? There is a mutual interest in our Lodge relations that should not be ignored. No man—doctor, lawyer, or merchant—ever joined the fraternity with the expectation and intention of increasing his business but was disappointed. Business does not come that way. Many a man has been surprised at an increased popularity for himself, and profit in his business, which came from his appreciation of Masonry and practice of its principles in an unostentatious manner, and without any thought of gain; it is the reciprocity of Masonry which every good Mason will enjoy and has a right to expect, and he rightly appreciates the fraternity if he seeks to prove his regard by his actions.—"New York Dispatch."

Owing to the exertions of Bro. William Shurmur P.P.G.T. Essex, two new bells have been added to complete the peal

at the Parish Church, Walthamstow, and the entire belfry has been re-constructed at a cost of upwards of three hundred pounds.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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## OUR CHARITIES—PAYMENTS AND DRAWINGS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—With this I am sending you a copy of to-day's "Western Morning News," wherein is an account of a meeting of the Prudence Lodge, No. 1550, of Plymouth, at which Bro. F. B. Westlake appears to have made some very interesting remarks in regard to the Masonic Institutions, and the part Devonshire plays in association with them.

I am quite aware the Charities of Freemasonry are not supposed to be conducted on a strict "give and take" principle, but I think it will be a surprise to many to learn—as Bro. Westlake stated—that Devonshire has nine Brethren and eleven Widows as Annuitants of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which means an annual grant of £712, while its contributions to that Fund "scarcely ever reached £200 a year."

I do not blame Devonshire for the tremendous advantage it appears to secure, but I think London might well ponder over the statement, and arouse itself to some form of combination, for I believe it must be conceded that Devonshire has secured this very disproportionate result by reason of the care taken of its votes, and the strict organisation that has so long existed among its members.

It is very certain Devonshire gets more than its share; the question is, who "pays the piper," and as I think there are many other Provinces equally alive to their own interests as Devonshire undoubtedly is, I think there can be no question that the "smart Londoners" must again admit themselves beaten by the "unsophisticated yokels."

Yours, &c.,

ON THE ROAD.

Exeter, 6th January 1897.

## ROYAL ARCH.

DUKE OF FIFE CHAPTER, No. 2345.

THE December Convocation of this flourishing Chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, on Wednesday, 9th ult., Comp. A. Harvey M.E.Z. The ballot was taken for and proved unanimously in favour of Bros. J. A. Barton 72, F. W. Sinclair 2345, G. Taylor 2345, and F. J. Beckwith 2345, as candidates for exaltation, and they were impressively exalted.

All business being ended, the Convocation was closed, after which the Companions dined together.

In proposing the toast of the exaltees, the M.E.Z. pointed out the advance in Masonic education of the four who had that evening joined the Degree.

Comp. Barton, in response, said he had been deeply impressed with Craft Masonry, and could from his short experience say that this was truly a sublime degree. He felt that every R.A. Mason must be a better man for the impressive lessons that had been inculcated. He had hardly thought it possible that such beautiful language, such impressive sentiments, such useful lessons, and such strong incentives to good life could have been collected together in one degree of any order.

Comps. Sinclair, Taylor, and Beckwith also responded, each expressing sentiments similar to those spoken by Comp. Barton.

The M.E.Z. proposed the Visitors, welcoming them to the Chapter, and hoping that the visit would lead to others equally edifying to all concerned. He was delighted that they had come on a "record" night.

Comp. Pugh M.E.Z. 2346 was delighted with the excellent exposition of R.A. Masonry.

Comp. Stone P.Z. 1275 considered that the close connection of the Chapter and the Lodge was an excellent idea, likely to lead to greater goodfellowship and benefit to the members.

Comp. Grummant P.Z. 1275 said that it was a pity so few Masons took that degree, "the Climax of Freemasonry," which was so very beautiful, as well as dear to its exponents.

Comp. Major Vincent, V.D., P.P.G.Std.Br. Middlesex, said that his visit had been one of edification and enjoyment.

Comp. Ellis had come to see Comp. Barton exalted, and was glad to come into such a Chapter.

Comp. W. H. Kidson, as a very young R.A. Mason, assured the members that he was so impressed with the working that, although less than twelve months a member of the Order himself, he was very delighted that his own son would be exalted next week.

In response to the toast of the P.Z.s, Companions Folkard, Wyer, and Voisey responded.

Comps. Woods S.E., Bonner S.N., Mitchell 1st A. Soj., Morris 2nd A. Soj., and Fitch acting Std. also responded in due course.

The harmony of the evening was increased by songs and recitations, contributed by Comps. Stone, Bonner, Ellis, Sinclair, Grummant, Kidson, Barton, Voisey, and Vincent.

The first annual report of the London Lifeboat Saturday Fund has just been issued. From it we learn that a total of £4,091 3s 6d was received in connection with the London Lifeboat Saturday of 1896, of which £588 8s 6d was expended on printing, stationery, advertising, rent, &c., the balance of £3,502 15s being paid over to the Central Committee of the Fund, which has the Duke of York as its President, the Duchess of York as President of Ladies' Auxiliaries, and Lord Charles Beresford as Chairman. The offices are at 3 Adelphi Terrace, London. The date of the second Lifeboat Saturday in London is fixed as 15th May next.



## SHINING OF THE LIGHT.

IT was our privilege, last summer, while attending a series of meetings at Weirs, N. H., to listen to an eloquent discourse from the text: "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." The gifted preacher pointed out some of the uses of light in the natural world, and then, by a happy adaptation of the symbol, made an impressive showing of those Divine revealings of truth and wisdom by which man discerns the right way of life and walks therein as in an illuminated path. God gives to men this light, revealing Himself to them through many channels, and making evident His Law and His Love, that He may of right call upon His children, not only to walk in the brightness thus disclosed, but also to communicate to others that light which they have received, thus becoming co-workers with God in the advancement of truth and righteousness, ever moving forward in the pleasant paths which shine brighter and brighter to perfect day. The light must be put to use, said the impressive speaker; it must be followed, through faith and obedience, until it leads the aspiring soul out of darkness into the glorious liberty of the children of God. Let your light shine just as broadly and clearly as possible, that others may recognise its quality, acknowledge its source, and God be glorified.

It was not a Masonic discourse which thus stirred the deep feelings of our soul on that summer day when we sat among the numerous company of worshippers, gathered on the bank of Lake Winnepesaukee; but when we came to think it over after the speaker's tones had died out upon the air, we had the feeling that the text and its enforcement were especially applicable to members of the Masonic Fraternity.

"Upon Masons," says a modern writer, "is the duty to spread the light of life especially incumbent. Having received a vivid and impressive lesson of the great truths of human life, they should use their best endeavours to spread the knowledge of those truths among all men. The methods of the Masonic teaching are indeed secret, but the truths so taught are the property of the whole race. If the Masonic student can claim to have received any new or clearer light, so much more is the obligation to let that light be seen. Here is the justification for the spread of Masonic literature. The knowledge of Masonic truth can increase among ourselves only by free and continual discussion of fundamental principles. The system of moral doctrine which we teach can have its full development and growth in our own minds only as we communicate it to others. In the absence of printed books many of the most important lessons of Masonic truth must, in modern times, have fallen into comparative neglect, and many of the best results of Masonic study must have perished with the lives of those earnest and learned Men to whom the Craft is now under great and permanent obligation."

There should be a clear shining of light through the Masonic press. While some few subjects pertaining to the expression of Freemasonry are of such a character as to prevent their full consideration in book, pamphlet or periodical, it is quite otherwise as regards the main features of the Masonic system. Brethren should be informed, with others who are interested, as to the symbolism, the history and the jurisprudence of Freemasonry; the light should shine through the literature and periodicals of the Order, to the end that there may be a general diffusion of important information among Craftsmen, with a growing love for the institution developed by an intelligent appreciation of its principles, its laws, and its purposes.

Masons should let their light shine through the expression of their daily lives. They can best convince the outside world of the value of the Masonic system by acting on its principles in all the affairs of social and public interest. Every worthy Mason counts as an element of strength to the Fraternity. His example in the things of charity, justice, and all noble service, will be more apt to induce a favourable opinion of Freemasonry than would many words when unattended by these manifestations. What can be better than to let the light shine through character and conduct, day by day, thus becoming a bright and attractive example of those graces and virtues which constitute the vitality of the Masonic system?—"Freemasons Repository."

## ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1642.

ON Friday, 4th ult., the members of this hard working and prosperous Lodge of Instruction held their annual dinner at Bro. H. F. Foale's, Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke Grove, Notting Hill, W., when the following Brethren were present:—Bros. E. Rogers P.M. 1642 Chairman, G. Davis P.M. 167 Preceptor, W. J. Mason P.M. 1328 P.P.G.D. Surrey Secretary of the Mother Lodge, E. M. Lander P.M. 1642, R. C. Green P.M. 1642 Secretary of Instruction Lodge, H. Foskett W.M. 1642, H. F. Foale P.M., F. L. Chandler P.M. 1656, G. D. Mogford W.M. 2362, J. W. Mogford W.M.—elect

2362, W. J. Millington W.M. 2246, R. W. Board P.M. 2255, P. Monson P.M. 1642, G. A. Knight P.M. 1585, W. R. Flack, W. H. Handover, H. Harris, A. R. Finch, L. W. Westwood, R. Clarke, J. Lamb, L. Standing, G. English, E. J. Day, A. Ellenden, A. J. Schweise, W. P. Hatton, H. Hatton, J. Wynman, E. W. Rogers, and W. A. Allen.

The dinner was served in the Lodge room, and after the usual preliminary toasts had been disposed of Bro. G. Davis P.M. proposed the health of the Chairman, in short but appropriate terms.

Bro. E. Rogers, who on rising was received with quite an ovation, said he really did not know what to say on that occasion. He did not think he deserved the position of Chairman that evening, but he was very grateful to them all for giving him such a cordial reception. About a year after he became a member of the Craft he joined that Lodge of Instruction—that was about twenty years ago; several of the old members had gone, but he had the pleasure of seeing around him several who had recently joined. He was sorry they could not ask all the members of the Lodge of Instruction, but they were compelled to have a limited number, on account of the size of the room. The Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction was always pleased to see members and visitors, who were always most welcome. If there was a Brother who wished to work on any particular occasion they were always pleased to give way to him. He was happy to say they had a splendid Preceptor in Bro. G. Davis, who really seemed to show more patience with young Brother Masons than with the older ones, for if he could pitch upon him (Bro. Rogers) he always appeared delighted to do so. Still, he did not mind, because Bro. Davis did it for the best, and he was a very good fellow. He had much pleasure in proposing the toast of success to the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, coupled with the name of Bro. Geo. Davis P.M. the Preceptor.

The Preceptor, in reply, said: Brethren, I should like to know if the Chairman is in the proper place or not (cries of yes, yes)—I agree with you all, yes, he is the right man in the right place. I am very glad to see him in that position, and very glad he accepted the office, as great praise is due to him for the excellent manner in which he presides. Seventeen and a half years ago he received a letter from the Secretary, asking him to act as their Preceptor, and he had held that position ever since. He hoped to attend to them for as many years yet to come. The working was exactly the same as in the Mother Lodge. They were always ready to help any Brother who aspired to office. He sincerely thanked them all, and at the same time had much pleasure in proposing the health of the worthy Secretary Bro. W. J. Mason P.M. P.P.G.D. Surrey. All knew him as one of the very best, and as long as he remained in the Lodge he should endeavour to remain as Preceptor. By his kind actions he had endeared himself to all, and he sincerely trusted the valuable services he had rendered to the Craft would, before long, be acknowledged by the Grand Lodge.

Bro. J. Mason thanked the Preceptor for the very kind way in which he had proposed the toast, and the Brethren for the very generous way in which they had received it. As Secretary, of course it was his duty to do all he could to promote the best interests of the Lodge, and in his humble way he endeavoured to do so. There was no amount of work they could give him to do that was likely to damp his ardour for the welfare of their Lodge. It was through their kind attentances they were enabled to keep a balance on the right side of the ledger. He was pleased to say the Lodge was never in a more flourishing condition. The three—their Preceptor, Treasurer, and himself—met and agreed, in peace, love and unity, every Friday evening, the prosperity of the Lodge of Instruction to maintain, and he should be very sorry to see any falling off in the number of those Brethren who now attended so regularly. He should be very pleased if they could do a little more for the Masonic charities. He thought the time had now arrived when they ought to start another Benevolent Fund, as the last was most successful. In two years he paid into the three Institutions the sum of two hundred guineas, subscribed by the members of that Lodge of Instruction. He would not detain them any longer, as he knew there were several Brethren who were "bursting to give a song." He was delighted the meeting had been such a great success, but was sure with such surroundings and such cordial greetings, from such dear old friends, it would be a poor heart indeed which could not rejoice.

The Chairman proposed the health of the W.M. of the Mother Lodge Bro. H. Foskett, who, for about sixteen years had worked with him. It gave him great pleasure to see him there that evening, and he hoped to see him for many years to come. He was always a regular attendant at the Lodge, and did everything in his power for the good of the Instruction Lodge.

Replying, Bro. H. Foskett said he was initiated in 1873, and was happy to say he was W.M. of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge. Through his regular attendance at the Lodge of Instruction, and the perfect tuition he had received there, in particular, he felt the work he was called upon to do at the Lodge would not disgrace his tutors.

The next toast afforded much pleasure to the chairman, as it was the health of the Past Masters Bros. E. M. Lander, R. C. Green (Secretary) and F. L. Chandler. All the members knew these Brethren had done a great deal for the Lodge, chief among them perhaps being the Secretary—no Lodge, the speaker felt, could desire a better Officer than Bro. Green.

The toast was heartily received and duly acknowledged by Bro. Lander, who expressed the pleasure he felt in being among so many of his old friends.

Bro. R. C. Green said he thanked the Chairman and Brethren for their attention to the affairs of the Lodge. He was pleased to say he was one of the founders of the Lodge, under the guidance of Bro. Davis the Preceptor. He strongly advised the Brethren to attend as often as possible, as he was sure they would learn what they required.

The Chairman next proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. and Mrs. Foale, the host and hostess of the Elgin Hotel. The supper they had provided was excellent, and of a bountiful description, while the entire arrangements deserved great praise. He felt justified in saying that they always felt very comfortable at that house—the host himself was a member of the Lodge and Chapter, and knew how to make the Brethren who came there comfortable and happy.

Bro. Foale P.M. replied. After the very flattering remarks in regard to himself and his wife he really did not know what to say. It was true the gathering was partly a matter of business with him, but it was principally a labour of love, and what he or his wife could do to add to the comfort of the Brethren they would cheerfully carry out. He knew the Chairman and others would have liked to see twice the number present, but as he felt it best to study the comfort of those who did attend he desired to limit the number.

The following Brethren kindly added to a most enjoyable evening with their musical talent:—Bros. W. J. M. Mason, G. D. Mogford W.M. 2362, G. A. Knight P.M. 1585, R. W. Board P.M., A. Finch, W. R. Flack, G. Davis P.M. Preceptor, and several others. Bro. E. J. Day presided at the piano.

### MASONIC TEMPLE FOR BOMBAY.

THE Freemasons of Bombay belonging to both the English and the Scotch Constitutions will be glad to learn that after many years of discussion and deliberation, the Freemasons' Hall Committee, which represents both the Constitutions, have succeeded in floating a scheme, which will enable them shortly to provide a Masonic Temple worthy of the name of the first city in India. The project has so far reached completion that as announced by Lord Sandhurst at the Installation meeting of Lodge Rising Star, on Tuesday, 15th ult., the foundation stone of the new temple will be laid by his Excellency on the 21st inst., and it appears that there has been a sort of tacit arrangement that the building, which is to be constructed on a site allotted by Government at a short distance from the Novelty Theatre, and near the Powalla Charitable Dispensary, should be completed long before his Excellency's departure from the country after the expiry of the period of his office, as it is the earnest desire of all connected with the scheme that the temple should be formally opened by his Excellency as the head of both the Constitutions.

It may here be mentioned that the project has been hanging fire ever since the year 1877, when the two Constitutions held their meetings in one place, the management of the Masonic Hall being entrusted to a joint committee of both the Constitutions. The late Mr. James Gibbs, member of the Executive Council of the Government of Bombay, was then at the head of affairs of the English Constitution, the late Sir Henry Morland representing Scotch Freemasonry in India. Several schemes were brought forward and discussed by the two heads of Freemasonry in Bombay, but somehow or other the projects never assumed any definite shape, and fell through for want of funds. The late Mr. Tyrrell Leith, who succeeded Mr. Gibbs, and Sir Henry Morland again endeavoured to provide the Craft with a temple of their own, but with no greater success than before.

When H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught assumed the Grand Mastership of the English Constitution, Sir Henry Morland made one more effort to provide ways and means for building a Masonic Hall, and though the matter then appeared to be within a measurable distance of accomplishment, it failed on account of the fraternity not being then in a position to secure funds to enable them to construct a temple worthy of the Craft and the city, on a site near the Young Men's Christian Association, granted on somewhat favourable terms by Government. The efforts, however, of these distinguished Past Grand Masters in the direction indicated were not entirely fruitless, because the experience gained by them in the matter of raising funds and finding ways and means for the maintenance of the hall stood their successors in good stead, and it was upon the lines laid down by those ardent and zealous Masons that Lord Sandhurst Pro District Grand Master and Mr. James W. Smith Grand Master of All Scottish Freemasonry in India, with the assistance of the members of the Joint Hall Committee, are now able to float the scheme, which will not only provide an excellent temple on a central site, but will allow of the temple being maintained for all time to come. The credit of bringing the scheme to such a practical and successful termination is due to, besides the two Grand Masters, Mr. G. O. Dunn, Mr. R. S. Brown, the Hon. Mr. N. N. Wadia, C.I.E., Mr. K. R. Cama, and Mr. D. R. Chichgar, who are all very enthusiastic Masons, and who have been working now for years past to provide the Craft with a suitable building of their own.

Government has been pleased to grant the Hall Committee 1,200 square yards of land on a lease for 99 years at the rate of one rupee per square yard per annum, the Committee or their successors having the option of renewing the lease for another period of 99 years. Mr. J. Campbell, of Messrs. Campbell and Hewson, Engineers, has prepared plans and designs of the new Hall, and they are at present before Government for their approval. According to these plans it is arranged that the principal hall on the first floor shall be 60 feet long, 30 feet broad, and 27 feet high, and the banqueting hall, below it, is to be of the same dimensions. The building will also contain commodious rooms for the holding of Chapters and other purposes, while a small dining-room is to be provided in close proximity to the large banqueting hall. The hall committee have estimated the cost for the construction of the hall and providing furniture, &c., at about Rs. 137,000, a large portion of which will be raised by issuing debentures bearing interest at 4 per cent. per annum, and from subscriptions received from the various Lodges and members of the Craft. Lord Sandhurst has headed the list of subscriptions with a handsome donation, the Hon. Mr. N. N. Wadia, C.I.E., Khan Bahadur Byramjee Rajkotewalla, "A Parsee Brother," and Mr. Jeejeebhoy Framjee Petit (by way of perpetuating the name of his father, the late Mr. Framjee Petit), have subscribed Rs. 1,000 each. The committee have decided to inscribe the names of donors giving

1,000 rupees and upwards on a tablet to be placed in a conspicuous part of the building, and it is hoped that many more members of the Craft will come forward to assist the scheme.

The two Grand Lodges and the various Lodges working under their respective banners have subscribed most generously towards the fund, Lodge Rising Sun having made the largest donation. This Lodge has placed at the disposal of the committee a sum of about Rs. 13,000 which they received from the late Mr. Nowrojee Cowasjee, and one of the Past Masters of the Lodge, and which is held by them in trust. The money, should the court allow the Lodge to part with it, has been given on the condition that the banquet hall of the new temple will be called after the name of Mr. Framjee Cowasjee—a condition imposed on the Lodge by the donor at the time he made the donation.

The hall committee have appointed a sub-committee of the principal members of the Craft to look after the various details for the construction of the new temple. Two trustees have been appointed for the new building, the English Constitution to be represented by the Hon. Mr. N. N. Wadia, C.I.E., and the Scotch by Mr. Darasha R. Chichgar. As it has been decided to lay the foundation stone of the new building on the 21st, the following gentlemen have been asked to form themselves into a committee to arrange the details of the ceremonial:—Messrs. G. O. Dunn, D. R. Chichgar, J. W. Hepworth, H. R. Hoyle, E. J. Smith, and Captain C. D. Wise. The last named gentleman, who is the Grand Secretary of All Scottish Freemasonry in India, has issued a circular to the Lodges working under its constitution, in which he states that Lord Sandhurst Pro District Grand Master of Bombay will be assisted by Mr. James W. Smith Grand Master of All Scottish Freemasonry in India, in laying the foundation stone of the new temple. The Grand Lodge will be opened at the Novelty Theatre punctually at 4 o'clock, and all Master Masons, who are subscribing members of a Lodge, are invited to attend. The Brethren who are not Officers of the Grand Lodge or District Grand Lodge, Bombay, will form up under the banners of their respective Lodges. Arrangements should be made by each Lodge to bring its own banner, which will be carried in procession from the Novelty Theatre to the site of the new hall.—"Times of India."

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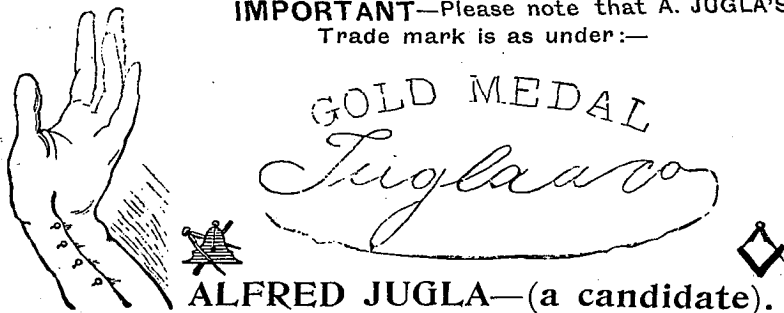
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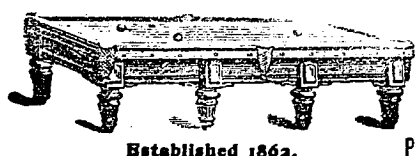
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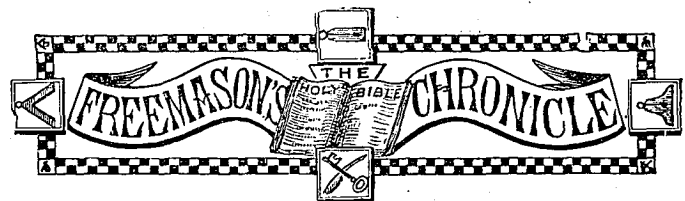


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## REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

We shall be pleased to receive particulars of Masonic meetings for insertion in our columns, and where desired will endeavour to send a representative to report Lodge or other proceedings.

## CRAFT: METROPOLITAN.

## JOPPA LODGE, No. 188.

THE installation meeting was held on Monday, 4th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, the Rev. S. J. Roco W.M. presiding. Mr. Harry Barnett was initiated by the W.M., who afterwards installed Bro. John Davy as W.M. for 1897. Bro. A. G. Dodson P.M. was appointed S.W., H. Lazarus P.M. J.W., Lewis Lazarus P.M. Secretary, J. S. Lyon Treasurer, Rev. S. J. Roco P.M. Chaplain, E. Emanuel S.D., H. Rosenbaum J.D., James Edwards I.G., H. Lazarus P.M. D.O., A. Harris and H. M. Beirstein Stewards, Isaac Cohen A.D.C., and John Ives P.M. Tyler.

A valuable Past Master's jewel was presented by the Lodge to the Rev. S. J. Roco, in recognition of his services; a handsome gold watch was given to him by Bro. Samuel Silver, on behalf of himself and the other initiates during his year of office, as a souvenir of their tender regard for him; and a Past Master's collar and jewel were presented to him by Past Master Seigenberg, says the "City Press."

## INSTRUCTION.

## ST. JOHN LODGE, No. 167.

THE weekly meeting of this flourishing Lodge of Instruction was held on Thursday, at the Court House, Harlesden, N.W. Bro. A. Williams P.M. 2090 834 acted as W.M., with W. Herring S.W., J. Edge J.W., G. Chapman Treas., F. S. Priest W.M. 167 Sec., D. J. Ortner S.D., W. Handover J.D., H. Woods I.G., Parker, Atkinson, Wynman, and others.

Bro. Parker answered the usual questions leading from the 1st to the 2nd Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, he acting as candidate. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree and called off and on. The W.M. resumed the Lodge in the 2nd degree, and Bro. Atkinson having offered himself as candidate for raising, the usual questions were put, and the ceremony rehearsed.

Both ceremonies were rendered by the W.M. in his usual able manner. Bro. W. Herring will preside as W.M. on Thursday next, when we hope he will have a good attendance.

## BROMLEY ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1805.

AT the Bow Bells, Bow Road, on Wednesday, 6th inst., Bro. M. Pollock W.M., F. Webster S.W., G. Fennell J.W., A. Marks S.D., Corper J.D., W. Johnson I.G., J. DeCasseres P.M. Preceptor, F. Thornton Sec., B. Johnson P.M., J. Holland, Mitchell, Goodman, Alabaster, A. Silk, J. Gibbs P.M., E. Silk, and G. Holmes.

The ceremony of initiation was worked by the W.M., Bro. Holland acting as candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Fennell, who worked the ceremony of investiture of Officers, Bro. B. Johnson acting as D.C. Bro. Pollock resumed the chair and the Brethren assisted Bro. DeCasseres to work the 1st, 2nd and 3rd sections of the lecture. Bro. Goodman answered the questions leading to the 2nd degree.

Bro. Goodman became a member of the Lodge, and Bro. Webster was elected to the chair for Wednesday next.

Bro. DeCasseres was unanimously elected Preceptor for the ensuing year, also Bro. Gibbs as Treasurer and Bro. Thornton as Secretary. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Officers of the Lodge, which was adjourned to the 13th.

## CRAFT: PROVINCIAL.

## FOUNDATION LODGE, No. 82.

THE installation festival was held at the Masonic Hall, Cheltenham, on Wednesday, 23rd ult., the feast of St. John the Evangelist, the usual date of the meeting, falling on the Sunday. Bro. the Rev. W. S. Fallon was the retiring Master, and he was succeeded by Bro. H. Bansall Todd, the ceremony of whose installation was performed by the D. Prov. G. Master of Gloucestershire Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith P.G.D., assisted by Bro. the Baron de Ferrieres P.G.D., and others.

There was a large attendance, both of members of the Lodge and of visitors from other Lodges of the Province.

## LENNOX LODGE, No. 123.

THE festival of St. John the Evangelist was duly commemorated by the members at the Masonic Hall, Darlington, when Lord Bolton Deputy Provincial Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire duly installed Bro. E. Vane Schofield as W.M. for the ensuing year.

## MARQUIS OF GRANBY LODGE, No. 124.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Durham, on Tuesday, 5th inst., when the Rev. J. Haworth P.P.G.C. was duly installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. There was an exceedingly large attendance of Brethren to do honour to Bro. Haworth, who is Principal of the Durham Diocesan Training College for Schoolmistresses, and whose election to the Mastership is a very popular one.

The ceremony of installation was ably performed by Bro. H. Brown P.M. During the evening an interesting presentation of a Past Master's jewel was made to Bro. Burrell, in commemoration of his successful year of office, the presentation being made by Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram D.P.G.M., who spoke warmly of the admirable way in which Supt. Burrell got through his year of office.

## PERPETUAL FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 135.

THE annual meeting was held on Monday, 4th inst., at the Royal Clarence Hotel, Bridgwater, when Bro. Thomas Kelway was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, as successor to Bro. W. T. Baker, the ceremony of installation being performed by the D.P.G.M. Bro. R. C. Else P.G. Deacon of England. There was a good muster of Brethren.

## AMITY LODGE, No. 137.

THE annual meeting was held at Bournemouth, on Wednesday, 6th inst., when Bro. J. H. Whadcoat of the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, and P.M. of the Royal Athelstan, No. 19, was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.

Bro. C. J. Woodford P.M. Secretary announced during the evening that Bro. Whadcoat had given fifty guineas towards the Dorset Masonic Charities, and had thereby qualified as a Life Governor of the Institution.

The contents of the charity box were bought by Bro. J. Bacon for five guineas, and this sum will be forwarded to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

## CONSTITUTIONAL LODGE, No. 294.

ON Thursday, 7th inst., the annual installation of Worshipful Master took place at the Masonic Hall, Beverley. There was a large attendance of the Brethren of the Lodge, as well as from the Hull and district Lodges.

Additional interest was evinced in the proceedings by reason of the presence of Bro. Lord Bolton P.G.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire. The noble Lord received a very flattering reception from the Brethren, and he subsequently performed the ceremony of installing Bro. Supt. Knight as Worshipful Master. It is only three years ago since the Earl of Lonsborough vacated the chair of this small but influential Lodge.

The Worshipful Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Lord Bolton, for his efficient services, which was seconded by Bro. Willis Mills, Town Clerk, who expressed the great indebtedness of the Brethren for the ready manner in which he fulfilled his promise to attend and perform the ceremonial.

Lord Bolton, in response, said he had merely done his duty in attending, and was glad that his services had met with their appreciation. Freemasonry was a luxury, not a necessity, and as he journeyed up and down the country he found that this fact was not always remembered. If a person, to enable him to pay the fees and subscriptions of the Craft, had to stint his wife and children, then, unhesitatingly, he said the man had no right to be a Freemason; he did not understand the genuine principles and tenets of the Order. If a man merely wanted assistance or pecuniary support in sickness and ill health, then there were the great and excellent friendly societies of the country. No mercenary or other unworthy motive should influence anyone who wished to seek the Masonic privileges and advantages. He, therefore, impressed upon them to keep up the high standard of Masonry; by that a man who sought admission to the Craft was expected to be in such a position as to meet the obligations and requirements due from the Brethren. If, however, the future, through misfortune, should reduce him to poverty, then they were only too glad to hold out the hand of Brotherhood, and not only succour him in his distress, but their charities would relieve the necessities of his wife and educate his children.

Hearty good wishes were then expressed by the visiting Brethren, and the Lodge was closed in due form.

The annual banquet was held in the evening at the Beverley Arms Hotel.

## FAITH AND UNANIMITY LODGE, No. 417.

ON Wednesday, 6th inst., Bro. O. G. Barrow was installed as Worshipful Master, and invested the assistant Officers for the year.

The annual banquet was subsequently held, when Bro. J. Robinson P.P.J.G.W., the oldest member of the Lodge, was presented with a gold Past Master's jewel and an address.

## SCIENTIFIC LODGE, No. 439.

THE members celebrated the feast of St. John in the Masonic Rooms, Bingley, on the 30th ult. The installation of Bro. Thomas Blanshard as Worshipful Master was performed by Bros. W. Greenwood P.M. and Alfred Platts P.M.

After the ceremonies had been performed the usual banquet was served, and the Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

## LOYAL MONMOUTH LODGE, No. 457.

THE annual installation meeting was held on Tuesday, 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Monmouth, when Bro. W. S. Poole was duly installed into the chair of King Solomon according to ancient custom, by Bro. Captain C. C. Powell P.M. P.P.G.S.W.

The Brethren adjourned to the King's Head Hotel, where a very pleasant evening was spent.

## LODGE OF FAITH, No. 581.

THE annual meeting and festival of St. John took place at the Gransmoor Hotel, Openshaw, on Wednesday, 16th ult., Bro. Joseph Lever W.M.

After the preliminary work of the Lodge had been transacted, which included the confirmation of minutes, the election of Charity Representative, and the presentation of the Auditor's report, a Board of Installed Masters was formed and Bro. W. Jones S.W. was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. H. J. Harrison, who had the assistance of Bros. Joseph T. Richardson P.M. P.P.S.G.D., G. H. Barnes P.M., and George H. Scott S.D. The whole of the work was afterwards very highly praised by several of the visitors.

A list of the Officers invested is appended:—Bro. Joseph Lever I.P.M., Robert Adshhead S.W., Geo. H. Scott J.W., H. B. Brown P.M. Treasurer, Geo. Mellor Secretary, H. J. Harrison P.M. D.C., Arthur Mellor Organist, C. H. Griffiths S.D., E. E. Jones J.D., Samuel Andrew I.G., W. H. Wagstaffe and W. B. Gleave Stewards.

The festival of St. John was a great success, nearly forty Brethren



sitting down to a very excellent banquet provided by the host, Bro. J. T. Moorhouse. Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, these being pleasantly relieved by songs and sketches contributed by the following musical Brethren:—Bros. J. T. Moorhouse (Director), Arthur Mellor, Geo. Mellor, H. Crellin, W. T. Haworth, C. H. Griffiths, and E. Roberts P.M. 1459.

During the evening Bro. Jones W.M., on behalf of the members, presented to the I.P.M. a very beautiful jewel, bearing the following inscription:—

Presented to  
BRO. JOSEPH LEVER P.M.,  
By the Brethren of the Faith Lodge, No. 581.  
1896.

Brother Lever, in acknowledging the gift, said the feeling that he had gained their esteem and commendation gave him very great pleasure, and he should hand down to posterity the jewel which they had presented him, considering as he did that it was a powerful expression of their respect towards himself.

Before sitting down, Bro. Lever proposed the health of the newly installed W.M., to which Bro. Jones responded, saying he thanked the Brethren for the honour which they had that evening conferred upon him by placing him in the principal chair. He owed a debt of gratitude to the Past Masters, and more particularly to Bro. Richardson, who had been unstinted in his efforts to render what assistance he could. With such a powerful array of Officers as those who had been invested that evening he could not fail to be well supported, and he looked forward with no little amount of hopefulness to a very pleasant and successful year.

Among others who were present, and whose names have not appeared above were Bros. John Greenup P.M., J. C. Brown, and W. W. McLeod. Visitors:—Bros. W. Goodman W.M. 2185, John Jee W.M. 1459, Thos. P. Cooper W.M. 1458, R. H. Jackson W.M. 1077, J. H. Walker S.D. 361, John Parkin P.M. 993, Henry Bentley 1009, T. H. Swenson 1166, A. Walker 654, W. Mackie Colour-Sergeant 1st Sea. Highlanders, J. G. Frost J.W. 1166, and H. Moxon S.D. 1166.

#### LONDONBOROUGH LODGE, No. 734.

ON Tuesday, 5th inst., Bro. H. J. Clarendon Godfrey was installed Worshipful Master at the Masonic Hall, St. John's Avenue, Bridlington, Bro. Francis Creaser performing the ceremony.

When the duties of the Lodge were over the Brethren dined at the Station Hotel, when the usual toasts were honoured.

#### BUTE LODGE, No. 960.

THE annual festival and installation was held at the Masonic Temple, Cardiff, on Tuesday, 5th inst., when Bro. M. Tennant D.P.G.M. presented Bro. W. Lowrie Baker for installation, and Bro. George H. Bedford the retiring W.M. performed the ceremony in an excellent manner.

The usual banquet was held in the evening, at the Park Hall, Cardiff, and was very enjoyable.

#### ALEXANDRA LODGE, No. 993.

THE members held their festival of St. John at the Midway Hotel, Levenshulme, on Saturday, 19th ult., when Bro. H. Clulow was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Dr. J. E. Looker the retiring W.M. being the installing Officer, assisted by the Past Masters of the Lodge.

After business the Brethren sat down to a recherché banquet provided in Bro. Cade's best style. The menu discussed to the satisfaction of everybody interested, a toast list and programme of entertainment afforded the Brethren an evening's happy enjoyment.

#### EGERTON LODGE, No. 1030.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the George Hotel, Heaton Norris, on Monday, 21st ult., Bro. Jas. W. Abbott P.M. P.P.G.D.C. W.M.

The principal business of the evening was an alteration of Bye-Laws, as follows:—Notice of Motion by Bro. George L. Vaughan P.M. P.G.D.R.: "That Rule 1 of the Bye-Laws of the Lodge be altered to read as follows:—The Lodge shall meet at the George Hotel, Heaton Norris, in the County of Lancaster, on the third Monday in each month, except the months of June, July and August, at six o'clock in the evening, or at such other hour as the Worshipful Master may deem expedient" (Carried).

At the festive board which followed, Loyal and Masonic toasts were relieved by songs, recitations, &c., several of the Brethren being laid under contribution.

Among others who were present we noticed:—Bros. E. Broome S.W., Abm. Pemberton P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Treas., Chas. Porter J.D., G. B. Goodfellow I.P.M., E. G. Lingard P.M., J. B. Oldham, H. Greaves.

Visitors:—Bros. C. D. Cheetham P.M. 993 P.J.G.W., J. G. Bromley P.M. 1375, G. W. Healey S.D. 287, W. Andrew 300, J. W. Fitton 2464, Hy. Shepherd 2464.

#### ANGLESEA LODGE, No. 1113.

THE annual installation took place on Monday, 21st ult., at the Masonic Hall, Menai Bridge. Brother Captain Williams (East Lynne) was installed into the chair, the installation ceremony being performed by Bros. Colonel Henry Platt D.P.G.M. North Wales and J. Lloyd Griffith P.M. P.G.S.B. The banquet was served at the Victoria Hotel. There was a large attendance of visiting Brethren.

#### WHARNCLIFFE LODGE, No. 1462.

THE Brethren met on Saturday, 26th ult., at Penistone, to celebrate their annual installation and festival, when Bro. Edward A. Clarke, of Sheffield, was duly installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing twelve months, the installation ceremony being efficiently rendered by Bro. E. Billington P.M. P.P.G.P.

During the evening, for the first time since the Lodge was established, a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Billington, for his eminent services rendered to the Craft during a long and eventful period.

#### PRUDENCE LODGE, No. 1550.

THE Brethren held their annual banquet at the Freemasons' Hall, Princess Square, Plymouth, on Saturday, 2nd inst., when the W.M. Bro. T. W. Griffiths was supported by several prominent Brethren of Provincial rank.

On a previous occasion Bro. and Mrs. Griffiths entertained the Brethren and their lady friends to a high tea and musical and dramatic entertainment at the club, the invited guests numbering about eighty, and the gathering was one of the most enjoyable, as it was certainly one of the most successful, ever held in the history of the Lodge. The proceedings on Saturday evening were similarly interesting, and included a wedding present to the W.M., whose marriage took place a short time since. The usual Masonic toasts followed the dinner, and Bro. F. B. Westlake, responding for the Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire, gave some interesting information of the good work done by the Masonic Charities. Devonshire was receiving annuities from the Benevolent Institution for nine men and eleven women, or £712 a year. That was the largest amount received by any Province in England, with the exception of West Yorkshire and Kent; yet he was afraid that Devonshire was not doing its duty in supporting that Institution, for its subscriptions scarcely ever reached £200 a year. The boys and girls schools were also doing a grand work, maintaining and educating between them 537 children, of whom ten—five boys and five girls—were from Devonshire. This was a noble work, and he trusted the Province of Devon would in future years do its full part in supporting those splendid Institutions. Then there were other Institutions nearer home—the Fortescue Annuity Fund, the Masonic Educational Fund, and the recently formed Widows' Annuity Fund—all engaged in the same Benevolent work and doing an immense amount of good, and therefore deserving the hearty support of every Mason in the Province.

Bro. Edwards S.W. next proposed the Master of the Lodge, remarking, amidst hearty cheering, that Bro. Griffiths was a Brother of whom they were all proud, and he had certainly proved himself one of the best Masters the Lodge had ever had. They were all proud to serve under him, and it was such men as he who gave a tone to Freemasonry and contributed to its popularity and its prosperity.

Bro. C. Philp then made the presentation to the W.M., premising that a more pleasing duty had not fallen to his lot since he had been a member of Lodge Prudence. The occasion was an unusual one, for it was not often in the annals of Freemasonry in Devonshire that the W.M. of a Lodge entered the bonds of matrimony during his year of office. This, however, had been the happy experience of Bro. Griffiths, and the Brethren of the Lodge regarded it as a fitting opportunity for giving a practical expression of the esteem and regard in which they held him. A subscription was started, funds were readily forthcoming, and as a result he had now much pleasure in asking Bro. Griffiths acceptance of a set of entrée dishes, which he hoped would always be a pleasant reminder to him of his connection with Prudence Lodge.

The W.M., in responding, said his whole experience of Freemasonry had been of a most gratifying character, and he had been greatly strengthened in his love of it, and the work that it was doing by his association with the Brethren connected with his own Lodge. His desire was that in the introduction of new members into the Lodge they should aim at quality rather than at numbers, and if that rule were generally observed he was sure that there would be nothing in Freemasonry of which any of them need be ashamed. Other toasts were given, interspersed with songs and recitations, Bro. Roseveare giving a clever and amusing ventriloquial sketch.

#### MARLBOROUGH LODGE, No. 1620.

THE festival of St. John was celebrated on Wednesday, 6th inst., at Derby Hall, Tuebrook, Liverpool, when Bro. Joseph Griffiths was installed W.M. A large number of members and visitors assembled.

The Brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet, admirably purveyed by Bro. James Casey. During the evening, a Past Master's jewel of exquisite design and workmanship was presented to the retiring Master, together with a costly diamond half-hoop finger ring for Mrs. Richard Parry.

#### ALBERT VICTOR LODGE, No. 1773.

THE regular meeting was held at the Pendleton Town Hall, on Friday, 18th ult., Bro. Thomas M. Brown W.M., the following among others being present:—Bros. James Clough I.P.M., Wm. Lambert S.W., W. T. Blease J.W., Rev. James Preston Chap., Thomas Kay P.M. Treas., W. Allen Smith Sec., W. Woodison S.D., W. Hardcastle P.M. P.P.G.D.C., E. Winterbottom P.M. P.G.D.D.C., J. Harrop P.M. P.P.G.D.D. of C., G. L. Hardcastle Org., John Harwood I.G., J. L. Smith P.M., and William Mossely P.M.

The principal business of the evening was that of receiving the Treasurer's report and passing the accounts. On behalf of Bro. Townson P.M., in whose name the notice of motion stood, Bro. Brown W.M. proposed the following, which was carried:—"That the sum of ten guineas be transferred from the Lodge Fund to the Charity Fund; and that that amount be contributed to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons."

Succeeding Lodge business was the Festive Board, where Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly submitted, being varied by songs.

#### ZION LODGE, No. 1798.

THE annual meeting and festival of St. John took place at the Grand Hotel, Manchester, on Wednesday, the 9th ult., Bro. Leon E. Levy W.M. The principal function of the day was that of installing Bro. Joseph Gershon S.W. into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being performed by the retiring Master, assisted by Past Masters of the Lodge.

A list of Officers invested is appended:—Bros. Bernard Steel S.W., Alfred Smith J.W., Simeon Mamelok P.M. Treasurer, Mark Steel Secretary, Philip Joseph S.D., H. Frankenstein J.D., George Board P.M. P.P.J.G.D. D. of C., Henry Norris Org., Henry Wollerton I.G., L. Kaufman, M. Phillips, and Morris Jay Stewards.

The festival of St. John, which succeeded these proceedings, was marked by a prodigality of music and speeches, the latter trenching more particularly upon the domain of charity, a chord often vibrated in this Lodge, and to which we have made frequent allusions.

In response to the toast of the Provincial Grand Officers Bro. Captain Clement R. N. Beswicke-Royds P.G.D. Deputy Provincial Grand Master replied, giving a very interesting account of his own Masonic experiences

He also explained the action which he took at the last Provincial meeting with regard to exacting an extra Lodge summons for himself, stating that the information was useful to him, not only as indicating the kind of work adopted in the various Lodges, but was also a guide to any changes which might occur.

Bro. Levy I.P.M. proposed the health of the newly installed Master in eulogistic terms, to which Bro. Gershon responded, saying that however feeble might be his attempt at thanking the Brethren, he at least claimed credit for being sincere. Upon the night of his initiation he had stated that the height of his ambition would be to become Master of the Zion Lodge, and now that he had attained that position, he felt he had incurred a great responsibility. The Brethren had placed a great trust in his hands, and he sincerely hoped to be able to redeem it at the end of twelve months, for he was buoyed up by promises from the Past Masters that they would help him. Besides this, he must also claim the help of the Brethren in general. The latter sometimes said they were of no importance in a Lodge, but he might assure them that they were—their attendance was inspiring to the W.M., besides, what were they not missing when absenting themselves from the meetings?

Bro. Gershon afterwards proposed the health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master, and presented to Bro. Levy, on behalf of the members, a very beautiful Past Master's jewel, which bore the following inscription:—

Presented to  
BRO. LEON E. LEVY,  
by Brethren of Zion Lodge, No. 1798,  
in appreciation of his valuable services as Worshipful Master.  
December 1896.

The I.P.M. responded in an *à propos* speech. Besides those already mentioned we noticed that the following were present:—Bros. James W. Abbott P.M. W.M. 1030 P.P.G.D.C., Sam Gordon P.M. 43 P.P.G.S.D. (Warwicks), Wm. Bee P.M. 1459 P.P.G.A.D.C., James Hislop P.M. 325, W. H. Hughes P.M. 633, Dunbar Murray P.M. 1140, J. A. R. Ashworth P.M. 1161, Wm. B. Midgley P.M. 1534 S.W. 2584, James Simister W.M. 1083, John H. Greenwood J.W. 2387, and F. A. Shiers 1166 (Cheshire).

#### WILBERFORCE LODGE, No. 2134.

THE Worshipful Master Bro. George Eccles held an "At home" at the Masonic Hall, St. Luke's Street, Hull, on Thursday, the 7th inst. About seventy Brethren accepted invitations, and, together with their lady friends, spent a very pleasant night.

#### KNOWLEDGE MADE EASY.

AMONGST the crowd of cherished beliefs of which the latter days have seen the destruction is that which is incorporated in the adage, "there is no royal road to knowledge." Knowledge has now become a marketable article which can be purchased at a price. It matters not the subject on which you require information; the ordinary rule of the market obtains—"You pay your money and you take your choice." This is not to say we can altogether forego the schoolmaster and the birch-rod, the midnight oil and the wet towel; but modern business astuteness may certainly be credited with having discovered the means of making the average mortal an exceedingly well-informed person, if not an "authority," on any given subject. This end has been attained by the press-cutting system, a brief account of which may be serviceable to many of our readers.

One of the most energetic purveyors of knowledge of this description is Mr. W. Durrant, of 57 Holborn Viaduct, E.C. Into his establishment there is daily poured a supply of newspapers from every press in the kingdom, and from innumerable foreign presses as well. His business is to supply his customers with the press news, comments, or speeches on any subject of the day on which they may desire information. Suppose for a moment that a Councillor wished to collect the latest information on some subject which he proposed to bring before his Council or his constituents, he has only to name that subject to Mr. Durrant, who will immediately send him, and continue to send him until further notice, facts and figures concerning it from every locality in the kingdom in which it may happen to be under discussion. He may, of course, estimate the views of other men at varying values, according as they coincide with his own or otherwise, but there still remain the facts on which to establish his own case. The system does for him what the most reliable book cannot do, and that is—it brings the facts right up to date. It would be a difficult thing to name any subject which could not be studied in this manner, for there is practically no branch of knowledge which is not dealt with every week by some one newspaper or another—religion, literature, art, science, law, and politics—each has its organs, as we term them, and none is overlooked by Mr. Durrant. It is often a matter for wonder on the part of the uninitiated how it is that members of the Legislature and other public speakers succeed in marshalling such an array of facts as appear in their speeches. It may happen in a few rare cases, such as that of Mr. Gladstone, for instance, that they are the result of omnivorous book reading. In the majority of cases, however, it will be found that they have taken the royal road of the press-cutting system, and who shall blame them if they attain their end?

The keen man of business has long ago recognised the value of press-cuttings, and many a one would tell you that his business would be utterly crippled without them. Day by day he can tell from his supply of cuttings in what corners of the kingdom there is a demand for the particular commodity which he supplies, and can make his offers or post his circulars accordingly. Thus the proprietor of the agency tells of a customer who was supplied with 12,000 announcements of births; the object of this detached sort of information is not at first discernible, but when we know that to each address a price-list of new and improved baby carriages was forwarded, we commend the customer for his business acumen. In the same way, builders are furnished with the news of sales of land, engineers with information of new works to be carried out or in contemplation, actors with criticisms of their performances, and authors and publishers with notices of their books.

The agency also meets the wants of no inconsiderable number of public men and women, who like to know what others think of them. A certain statesman of note is said to receive nearly 100,000 cuttings a year—letter-press and engravings—from the world's press, and these are formed into bulky volumes which fill a considerable space in his library. This gentleman takes a saturnine pleasure in reading the most abusive references to himself, the most highly prized being those which place him in the most ridiculous light. This is not a taste which is frequently indulged in, but Mr. Durrant is able and ready to meet it.—"The Councillor."

## ENTERTAINMENT NOTES.

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**Empire Theatre.**—Nearly four hours continual amusement is provided by the energetic management of this theatre of varieties, something being introduced to suit the many varied tastes of the public. An overture by the admirable orchestra, conducted by Mr. Leopold Wenzel, serves as an introduction to the appearance of Madlle. D'Oldy, a fascinating vocalist, who in turn gives place to Semmel's Hungarian singers and dancers, a very lively party, whose quaint choruses and peculiar but vigorous dancing meet with manifest approval. Miss Barma's performing dogs show the highest perfection in this class of entertainment, and M. Trewey's wonderful Cinématographe appears more marvellous than ever. Among the latest arrivals here are the Seven Leopolds, four ladies and three gentlemen, supplemented by two tiny mites, whose acrobatic performance is both graceful and clever. Madlle. Freedgy, who makes her first appearance in England, has a fine mezzo soprano voice of great power and exquisite modulation, which she uses with good effect. The "piece de resistance" is the grand ballet of "Monte Cristo," in seven scenes, which follows out the popular story with excellent dramatic effect, thanks to the able assistance rendered by Mesdames M. Cavallazi, T. Zanfietta, A. Courtland, and Ada Vincent, together with Messrs. Will Bishop and J. Ridley. The picture and ballet of Treasure Cave is a sight to be talked about. On the 25th inst. the directors have generously arranged to give a *matinée* in aid of the funds of the Lifeboat Institution.

**Parkhurst.**—A very successful Pantomime was produced here on Christmas Eve, under the title "Sinbad the Sailor," the grand pantomime company of Messrs. C. St. John Denton and A. R. Garland appearing to great advantage, and carrying out their respective parts in a most creditable manner. The pretty little theatre at Holloway presented an animated appearance, and was well filled by an appreciative audience, who frequently evinced their delight at the different items provided for their amusement. There were ten scenes preceding the "transformation," and in each case the artist had well supported the efforts of the company. We are pleased to hear that the subsequent run of the pantomime has confirmed the good opinion formed of it on the night of its production.

**Criterion.**—While Mr. Wyndham is taking a short holiday, the capital old Criterion farce "Betsy" has been revived for the benefit of the present generation of playgoers. Many changes have necessarily been made in the cast, but the piece suffers but little, if anything, at the hands of its new exponents, and even those who witnessed the original production will be able to enjoy the farce as much as formerly. The charming comedy of "Rosemary" will be reproduced upon Mr. Wyndham's return to town.

**Garrick.**—Pending the production of the new play, by Mr. Justin Huntley McCarthy, to follow "My Girl" at this theatre, Mr. Brickwell has arranged with the Royal Carl Rosa Opera Company for a three weeks' season, during which time, amongst others, the following operas will be presented:—La Vivandiere, Meistersingers, Tannhauser, Lohengrin, Flying Dutchman, Carmen, Mignon, Cavalleria Rusticana, Pagliacci, Faust, Romeo and Juliet, The Valkyrie, Bohemian Girl, and Maritana.

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## LODGE MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

Further particulars as to place of meeting of the undermentioned Lodges are given in the Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book (published by Grand Lodge for the benefit of the Charity Fund).

### Monday.

29 St. Alban, Albion  
58 Felicity, Ship and Turtle  
59 Royal Naval, Freemasons'-hall  
193 Confidence, Anderton's  
1366 Highgate, Midland Grand H't'l.  
1922 Earl of Lathom, Camberwell  
2243 Argonauts, Putney  
2426 Wood Green, Wood Green  
2565 Royal Rose, Hampstead Road  
37 Anchor and Hope, Bolton  
40 Derwent, Hastings  
68 Royal Clarence, Bristol  
75 Love and Honour, Falmouth  
88 Scientific, Cambridge  
104 St. John, Stockport  
105 Fortitude, Plymouth  
106 Sun, Exmouth  
133 Harmony, Faversham  
151 Albany, Newport, I. of Wight  
189 Sincerity, East Stonehouse  
237 Indefatigable, Swansea  
240 St. Hilda, South Shields  
262 Salopian, Shrewsbury  
292 Sincerity, Liverpool  
296 Royal Brunswick, Sheffield  
297 Whitham, Lincoln  
303 Benevolent, Teignmouth  
313 United Friends, Gt. Yarmouth  
314 Peace and Unity, Preston  
330 One and All, Bodmin  
339 Unanimity, Penrith  
379 Honour, Bath  
411 Commercial, Nottingham  
481 St. Peter, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
587 Howe, Birmingham  
589 Druid Love & Lib., Redruth  
632 Concord, Trowbridge  
643 Royal, Fife  
665 Montagu, Lyme Regis  
671 Prince of Wales, Llanelly  
721 Independence, Chester  
797 Hauley, Dartmouth  
884 Derwent, Wirksworth  
893 Meridan, Millbrook  
941 De Tablay, Knutsford  
1069 United Brothers, Portsmouth  
1174 Pentangle, Chatham  
1221 Defence, Leeds  
1237 Enfield, Enfield  
1253 Travellers, Manchester  
1302 De Warren, Halifax  
1350 Fermor Hesketh, Bootle  
1360 Skelmersdale, Liverpool  
1408 Stamford & Warr'gton, St'yb'ge  
1436 Castle, Sandgate  
1449 Royal Military, Canterbury  
1474 Israel, Birmingham  
1496 Trafford, Moss Side  
1564 St. John, Woking  
1592 Abbey, Bury St. Edmunds  
1611 Eboracum, York  
1618 Handyside, Saltburn-by-Sea  
1730 Urnston, Urnston  
1792 Tudor, Harborne  
1802 Vernon, Retford  
1852 Forest, Mansfield  
1885 Torridge, Great Torrington  
1914 St. Thomas, Kidsgrove  
1948 Hardman, Rawtenstall  
1952 High Peak, Chapel-en-le-Frith  
1966 Fidelity & Sincerity, Wellington  
2034 Masfield, Moseley  
2144 De Tatton, Altrincham  
2185 Ardwick, Manchester  
2197 Spencer Walpole Temp., D'glas  
2237 Earl of Leicester, Wells  
2376 Carnarvon, Leyland  
2422 Ebbisham, Epsom  
2457 St. Anne, St. Anne's-on-Sea  
2487 St. Michael, Stone  
2505 County Palatine, Birkdale  
2584 Queen Victoria, Manchester

### Tuesday.

180 St. James Union, F.M.H.  
198 Percy, Ship and Turtle  
211 St. Michael, Albion  
781 Merchant Navy, Limehouse  
917 Cosmopolitan, Cannon St. Ho.  
933 Doric, Anderton's  
1604 Wanderers, Freemasons'-hall  
1614 Covent Garden, Criterion  
1635 Canterbury, 33, Golden Square  
1668 Samson, Café Royal  
1969 Waldeck, Freemasons'-hall  
2400 Brentford, Brentford

2427 Hampden, St. Pancras  
2546 Rahere, Frascati

80 St. John, Sunderland  
93 Social, Norwich  
131 Fortitude, Truro  
184 United Chatham, New Bro'pton  
241 Merchant, Liverpool  
272 Harmony, Boston  
284 Shakespeare, Warwick  
319 New Forest, Lymington  
371 Perseverance, Maryport  
473 Faithful, Birmingham  
494 Virtue and Honour, Axminster  
495 Wakefield, Wakefield  
496 Peace & Harmony, St. Austell  
502 Rectitude, Rugby  
503 Belvedere, Maidstone  
567 Unity, Warwick  
573 Perseverance, Hales-Owen  
593 St. Ann, Alderney  
603 Zetland, Cleckheaton  
626 Lansdowne Unity, Chippenham  
650 Star in the East, Harwich  
666 Jerusalem, Bristol  
696 St. Bartholomew, Wednesbury  
723 Panmure, Aldershot  
764 H'rbour of Refuge, W. H'tlep'l.  
771 Windsor Castle, Windsor  
877 Royal Alfred, Jersey  
892 Royal Edward, Leominster  
897 S. Helen of Loyalty, St. Helen's  
903 Gosport, Gosport  
967 Three Grand Principles, Penryn  
1021 Hartington, Barrow-in-Furness  
1073 Greta, Keswick  
1120 St. Milburga, Ironbridge  
1138 Devon, Newton Abbot  
1220 Solway, Aspatria  
1250 Gilbert Greenall, Warrington  
1267 Kenlis, Egremont  
1314 Acacia, Bromley  
1373 St. Hubert, Andover  
1402 Jordan, Torquay  
1414 Knole, Sevenoaks  
1476 Blackpool, Blackpool  
1528 Fort, Newquay  
1545 Baildon, Baildon  
1560 Albert Edward, Leicester  
1713 Wilbraham, Walton-on-the-Hill  
1782 Machen, Coleshill  
1837 Lullingstone, Willmington  
1847 Ebrington, Stonehouse  
1883 William of Wykeham, W'nc'h'ter  
2099 Ethelbert, Herne Bay  
2104 Whitwell, Stockton-on-Tees  
2134 Wilberforce, Hull  
2164 St. Germans, Peel, Isle of Man  
2256 Warner, Chingford  
2324 Horwich, Horwich  
2477 Colne, Wyvenhoe  
2492 Concordia, Wendover  
2521 Noel-Money, Weybridge  
2559 St. Aldhelms, Branksome

### Wednesday.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, F.M.H. at 4.

11 Enoch, Freemasons'-hall  
13 Union Waterloo, Plumstead  
15 Kent, Freemasons'-hall  
87 Vitruvian, Southwark  
147 Justice, Deptford  
548 Wellington, Cannon Street Ho.  
749 Belgrave, Anderton's  
820 Lily Richmond, Inns of Ct. Ho.  
1538 St. Martin-le-Grand, Holborn  
1586 Up. Norwood, Upper Norwood  
1827 Alliance, Guildhall Tavern  
1964 Clerkenwell, Holborn Via. H't'l.  
1986 Honor Oak, Upper Norwood  
54 Hope, Rochdale  
84 Doyle of Friendship, Guernsey  
125 Prince Edwin, Hythe  
146 Antiquity, Bolton  
187 Rl. Sussex Hospitality, Bristol  
204 Caledonian, Manchester  
225 St. Luke, Ipswich  
244 Yarborough, Jersey  
274 Tranquility, Newchurch  
277 Friendship, Oldham  
281 Fortitude, Lancaster  
288 Harmony, Todmorden  
323 Concord, Stockport  
483 Sympathy, Gravesend  
463 East Surrey Concord, Croydon  
498 Royal Standard, Dudley

504 Berkhamstead, Berkhamstead  
611 Marches, Ludlow  
654 Peveril of the Peak, New Mills  
661 Fawcett, Seaham Harbour  
666 Benevolence, Dartmoor  
679 St. David, Aberdare  
730 Ellesmere, Chirley  
731 Arboretum, Derby  
755 St. Tudno, Llandudno  
851 Worthing Friendship, Worthing  
852 Zetland, Salford  
854 Albert, Shaw  
1005 Zetland, Gloucester  
1018 Shakespeare, Bradford  
1031 Fletcher, Birmingham  
1060 Marmion, Tamworth  
1064 Borough, Burnley  
1088 Royal Edward, Stalybridge  
1091 Erme, Ivybridge  
1094 Temple, Liverpool  
1101 Grey Friars, Reading  
1112 Shirley, Southampton  
1125 St. Peter, Tiverton  
1135 Concord, Ilfracombe  
1331 Aldershot Camp, Aldershot  
1342 Walker, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
1356 Toxteth, Liverpool  
1398 Baldwin, Dalton-in-Furness  
1400 Curwen, Workington  
1465 Ockenden, Cuckfield  
1547 Liverpool, Liverpool  
1582 Llanidloes, Llanidloes  
1588 Prince Leopold, Stretford  
1643 Perseverance, Hebburn-on-Tyne  
1703 Windrush, Witney  
1715 A. J. Brogden, Grange-o'-Sands  
1798 Zion, Manchester  
1848 Ferrum, Middlesbrough  
1855 St. Maurice, Plympton  
1879 Lord Warkworth, Amble  
1932 Whitworth, Spennymoor  
1947 Stanford, Hove  
1958 St. George, Portsea  
2046 Robinson, Maidstone  
2156 Arthur Sullivan, Manchester  
2183 Royal Hampton Ct., Hamptn Ct.  
2284 Smyth, Grimsby  
2294 Wavertree, Wavertree  
2389 Avondale, Middlewich  
2423 St. Mark, Connah Quay  
2483 Hadrian, Westham  
2504 Earl of Warwick, Buckh'rst Hill  
2540 Ember, East Molesey

### Thursday.

91 Regularity, Freemasons'-hall  
206 Friendship, Ship and Turtle  
238 Pilgrim, Freemasons'-hall  
263 Bank of England, Albion  
534 Polish National, F.M.H.  
860 Dalhousie, Anderton's  
879 Southwark, Southwark  
1076 Capper, Guildhall Tavern  
1227 Upton, Great Eastern Hotel  
1471 Islington, Highbury  
1599 Skelmersdale, Ship and Turtle  
1708 Plucknet, North Finchley  
1820 Sir Thomas White, Café Royal  
1987 Strand, Piccadilly  
2033 University of London, F.M.H.  
2090 Hammersmith, Hammersmith  
2168 Derby Allcroft, St. Pancras  
2417 Bolingbroke, Lavender Hill  
2509 Barnet, New Barnet

35 Medina, Cowes  
50 Knights of Malta, Hinckley  
97 Palatine, Sunderland  
112 St. George, Exeter  
130 Royal Gloucester, South'mpton  
139 Britannia, Sheffield  
191 St. John, Bury  
216 Harmonic, Liverpool  
333 Royal Preston, Preston  
344 Faith, Radcliffe  
369 Limestone Rock, Clitheroe  
381 Harmony & Industry, Darwen  
437 Science, Wincanton  
442 St. Peter, Peterboro'  
477 Mersey, Birkenhead  
487 Portsmouth, Portsmouth  
546 Etruscan, Longton  
561 Zetland, Gnisborough  
565 Elias De Derham, Salisbury  
588 St. Botolph, Sleaford  
725 Stoneleigh, Coventry  
732 Royal Brunswick, Brighton  
739 Temperance, Birmingham  
784 Wellington, Deal  
816 Royd, Littleboro'  
945 Abbey, Abingdon  
973 Royal Somerset, Frome  
991 Tyne, Wallsend  
1035 Prince of Wales, Liverpool  
1055 Derby, Manchester  
1061 Triumph, Lancaster  
1098 St. George, Tredegar

1099 Huyshe, Stoke, Devonport  
1143 Royal Denbigh, Denbigh  
1144 Milton, Ashton-under-Lyne  
1145 Equality, Accrington  
1147 St. David, Manchester  
1182 Duke of Edinburgh, Liverpool  
1204 Royd, Malvern  
1213 Bridgewater, Eccles  
1247 St. John, Plymouth  
1273 St. Michael, Sittingbourne  
1387 Chorlton, Chorlton-cum-Hardy  
1416 Falcon, Thirsk  
1429 Alb't Edw'd Pr. of Wales, N'p't.  
1457 Bagshaw, Loughton  
1495 Arkwright, Matlock Bath  
1515 Bertie, Oxford  
1583 Corbet, Towyn  
1697 Hospitality, Waverfoot  
1750 Coleridge, Clevedon  
1863 Priory, Tynemouth  
1911 De la Pré, Northampton  
1915 Graystone, Whitstable  
1992 Tennant, Cardiff  
2016 Shaldon, Alton  
2038 Portcullis, Langport  
2109 Prince Edward, Heaton Moor  
2132 Egerton, Seacombe  
2217 Windermere, Windermere  
2218 Rickmansworth, Rickmansw'rth  
2227 White Horse, Westbury  
2234 Onslow, Guildford  
2261 Armitage, Milnsbridge  
2285 Eden, Workington  
2311 Saint Alkmund, Whitchurch  
2343 Sir William Harpur, Bedford  
2372 James Terry, Waltham Cross  
2420 Fd. de Rothschild, Waddesdon  
2428 Gracedieu, Coalville  
2449 Duke of York, Manchester  
2468 St. John, Douglas, Isle of Man  
2529 Abbey, Whalley  
2568 Deleval, Newcastle-on-Tyne

### Friday.

143 Middlesex, Albion  
1118 Oxford and Cambridge, F.M.H.  
1962 London Rifle Brigade, And'tn's.  
2157 St. Mark's College, H'lbom Rest  
2346 Warrant Officers, F'masons'-hall  
152 Virtue, Manchester  
271 Royal Clarence, Brighton  
347 Noah Ark, Tipton  
355 R'l. S'x. Emulation, Swindon  
401 Royal Forest, Slaidburn  
404 Watford, Watford  
426 Shakespeare, Spilsby  
445 Fidelity, Towcester  
460 Sut'land Unity, N'castle-u-Lyme  
516 Phoenix, Stowmarket  
541 De Lorraine, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
566 St. Germain, Selby  
652 Holme Valley, Holmfirth  
712 Lindsey, Louth  
951 Prince of Wales, Stow on'Wold  
993 Alexandra, Levenshulme  
1034 Eccleshill, Eccleshill  
1074 Underley, Kirkby Lonsdale  
1108 Royal Wharfedale, Otley  
1224 Stour Valley, Sudbury  
1232 Hereward, Bourn  
1311 Zetland, Leeds  
1330 St. Peter, Market Harborough  
1357 Cope, Sale  
1389 Fenwick, Sunderland  
1644 Alma Mater, Birmingham  
1739 Carnarvon, Swadlincote  
1773 Albert Victor, Pendleton  
1794 De Vere, Nottingham  
2063 St. Osyth Priory, Cl'ct'n-on-Sea  
2078 St. Lawrence, Scunthorpe  
2231 Talbot, Stretford  
2447 Palatine, Manchester

### Saturday.

715 Panmure, Cannon Street Hotel  
1159 South Norwood, S. Norwood P.  
1329 Sphinx, Camberwell  
1364 Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tav.  
1732 King's Cross, Anderton's  
1767 Kensington, Kensington  
2308 Viator, Anderton's  
149 Peace, Meltham  
308 Prince George, Eastwood  
336 Benevolence, Marple  
416 Surrey, Reigate  
811 Yarborough, Brighton  
1126 Oakwood, Romiley  
1556 Addiscombe, Croydon  
1871 Gostling Murray, Hounslow  
1897 Citadel, Harrow Station  
2035 Beaumont, Kirkburton  
2318 Lennox Browne, B'khurst Hill  
2437 Downshire, Wokingham  
2458 Eton, Eton  
2548 Herga, Harrow

